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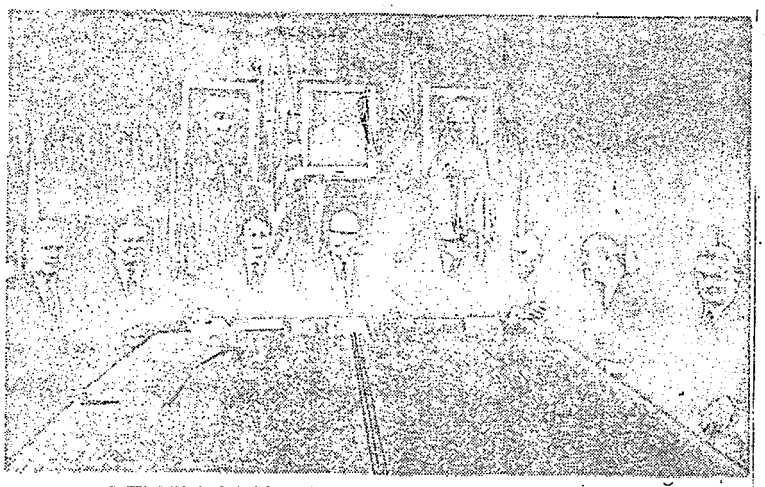


MEMBERS OF COMMISSION PROBING KENNEDY'S DEATH
From left Rep. Gerald Ford, Rep. Hale Boggs, Sen. Richard Russell, Chief Justice Earl Warren, Sen. John Cooper, John J. McCloy, Allen Dulles and J. Leo Rankin.

CBS Report 'Duped' Consultant

To the Editor: On the evening of March 2, on a Twin Cities radio program, I made what was probably the first public announcement of the recent CBS Special on the Warren Report. I mentioned that I was a consultant for that documentary and said it would be an impartial look at the facts surrounding the assassination.

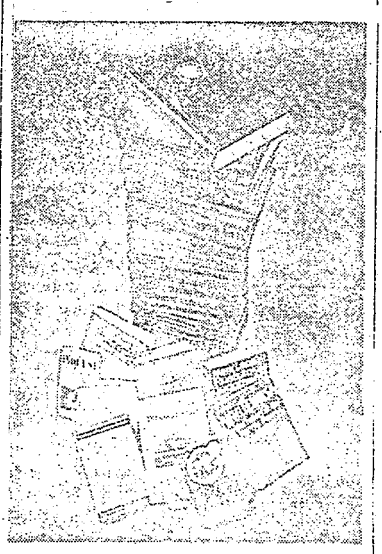
In the past few days, numerous individuals who have read both the Warren Report and my articles on the assassination in the Star have approached me with the flat assertion that the CBS program had not dealt with the principle objections to the Warren Report. I could only reply that I was in full agreement with them.

I and many other critics of the Warren commission helped gather background material for that program in exchange for the promise that it would be an attempt to impartially submit the evidence to the public. We were duped. It is with sincere regret that I admit the small part I unwittingly played in CBS's dishonest presentation of carefully selected evidence under the guise of "objectivity."

During the two years following the assassination, no network radio or TV program allowed dissent from the government's findings. CBS even cancelled the televising of a debate between Warren Report critic Mark Lane and noted attorney Melvin Belli. The Canadian Broadcasting Co. was sufficiently disturbed about the situation to broadcast programs about the assassination into the northernmost United States in the manner of Radio Free Europe.

Furthermore, the British Broadcasting Co. and several European networks have arranged for free discussion of the issues. But when critics of the Warren Report recently approached the Federal Communications for equal time on TV to reply to the CBS program, they were denied this basic right, even though the FCC had promised them equal time when the CBS series began. Thus, the great majority of the people of the United States have not been exposed to the details of the assassination so as to be able to make a rational judgment as to whether the case deserves further investigation.

Minneapolis. —Gary Richard Schoeffer.



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